

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A vehicle-mounted apparatus comprising:
a reading unit for reading an identification signal
from an identification tag attached to an article placed in
a vehicle; and
a control unit for determining the nature of the
article in the vehicle on the basis of the read
identification signal and for outputting the nature.
2. The vehicle-mounted apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising a location information measurement unit
for identifying a location of the vehicle, wherein the
control unit determines the nature on the basis of the
location identified by the location information measurement
unit.
3. The vehicle-mounted apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the control unit determines whether the article
corresponding to the identification signal is dangerous or
not when the article is placed in the vehicle, and the
control unit outputs information for warning a user if the
article is determined to be dangerous.
4. The vehicle-mounted apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the reading unit reads a radio frequency identification (RFID) signal being the identification signal from an RFID tag being the identification tag.

5. A vehicle-mounted apparatus comprising:

article information acquiring means for acquiring article information corresponding to an identification signal read from an identification tag attached to an article placed in a vehicle;

location information acquiring means for acquiring location information about the current position of the vehicle; and

outputting means for outputting the location information and the article information in combination.

6. The vehicle-mounted apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising identification signal reading means for reading the identification signal from the identification tag attached to the article in the vehicle.

7. The vehicle-mounted apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising storing means for storing the article information associated with the identification signal.

8. The vehicle-mounted apparatus according to claim 5,

further comprising:

geographic data acquiring means for acquiring geographic data based on the location information, wherein the outputting means outputs the geographic data and the article information in combination.

9. A vehicle-mounted apparatus comprising:

article information acquiring means for acquiring article information corresponding to an identification signal read from an identification tag attached to an article placed in a vehicle;

geographic data acquiring means for acquiring geographic data that is used for indicating a current position of the moving vehicle; and

display means for displaying the geographic data and the article information in combination.

10. The vehicle-mounted apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:

location information acquiring means for acquiring location information about the current position of the vehicle; and

delivery route selecting means for selecting a delivery route for delivering the article on the basis of the location information,

wherein the display means displays the geographic data and the selected delivery route in combination.

11. A method for outputting information about an article placed in a vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

- acquiring an identification signal from an identification tag attached to the article placed in the vehicle;

- acquiring article information from the identification signal;

- acquiring location information of the vehicle; and

- outputting the article information and the location information in combination.

12. The method for outputting information according to claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

- acquiring geographic data on the basis of the location information; and

- outputting the article information and the geographic data in combination.